

**U.S.-SOVIET ECONOMIC RELATIONS**

*Committee on Small Business:* Concluded hearings on U.S.-Soviet Economic Relations, with emphasis on American Small Business. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**LEGALIZATION OF ELICIT DRUGS: IMPACT AND FEASIBILITY**

*Select Committee on Narcotics Abuse and Control:* Continued hearings on "Legalization of Illicit Drugs: Impact and Feasibility". Testimony was heard from Senator Joseph Galiber, Legislature, State of New York; and public witnesses.

**Joint Meetings****SAVANNAH RIVER POWER SURGE INCIDENT**

*Joint Hearing:* Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs held joint hearings with the House Committee on Government Operations' Subcommittee on Environment, Energy and Natural Resources on matters surrounding the power surge incident at the Savannah River Plant in Aiken, South Carolina, receiving testimony from Senator Thurmond; J. Dexter Peach, Assistant Comptroller General of Resources, Community, and Economic Development Programs, General Accounting Office; Joseph F. Salgado, Deputy Secretary, Troy E. Wade, Acting Assistant Secretary for Defense Programs, Richard W. Starosteki, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Safety, Health and Quality Assurance, James Knight, Director, Office of Safety Appraisals, Robert Smith, Jr., Environment, Safety and Health Onsite Resident (Savannah River Operations Office), Robert M. Keller, Senior Nuclear Engineer, Office of Safety Policy and Standards, Jerry Hulman, Director, Office of Quality Programs, Bill Kaspar, Manager, Savannah River Operations Office, Garry Gibbs, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Environment, Safety and Health, and Ernest C. Baynard III, Assistant Secretary for Environment, Safety and Health, all of the Department of Energy; and John F. Ahearne, Advisory Committee on Nuclear Facilities Safety, Washington, DC.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

**CAPITAL OWNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM/SBA REAUTHORIZATION**

*Conferees* agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 1807, to amend the Small Business Act, to reform the Capital Ownership Development Program, and H.R. 4174, to amend the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958.

**APPROPRIATIONS—DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

*Conferees* met to resolve further differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 4776, appropriating funds for fiscal year 1989 for the government of the District of Columbia.

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**Monday, October 3, 1988**

**Senate****Chamber Action**

*Routine Proceedings, pages 27355-27778*

**Measures Introduced:** Four bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2852-2855, S. Con. Res. 150, and S. Res. 484-486.

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**Measures Reported:** Reports were made as follows:

S. 2853, to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act and the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act, to protect groundwater resources from contamination by pesticides, to transfer the liability for pesticide damages in certain circumstances from the user to the registrant, and to preserve the authority of State governments to establish standards for pesticide residues in food. (S. Rept. No. 100-583)

S. 2746, to amend the Federal Aviation Act of 1958, relating to aviation research, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute (S. Rept. No. 100-584)

S. 2777, to authorize a certificate of documentation for the vessel *Gipsy*. (S. Rept. No. 100-585)

H.R. 2032, to authorize the conveyance of the vessel *Lane Victory*. (S. Rept. No. 100-586)

H.R. 2835, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to release certain restrictions on a parcel of land located in Henderson, Tennessee.

H.R. 4365, to designate the Sunderland National Salmon Station located in Sunderland, Massachusetts, as the "Richard Cronin National Salmon Station."

S. 2437, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to release a reversionary interest of the United States in certain land located in Oktibbeha County, Mississippi, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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**Measures Passed:**

*Commending Robert C. Byrd:* Senate agreed to S. Res. 485, expressing the deep appreciation of the Senate to Robert C. Byrd for his dedication to the ideals of representative democracy and for his out-

standing services to the United States and its citizens.

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**Congratulating Space Shuttle Crew:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 486, to congratulate the crew of the Space Shuttle Discovery on the successful completion of its mission.

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**Parental and Medical Leave Act:** Senate continued consideration of S. 2488, to grant employees parental and temporary medical leave under certain circumstances, with committee amendments and additional amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

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Pending:

(1) Byrd motion to recommit the bill, with instructions to report back forthwith, with an amendment, as contained in Byrd Amendment No. 3308, in the nature of a substitute.

(2) Byrd Amendment No. 3309, in the nature of a substitute for the instructions.

(3) Byrd Amendment No. 3310 (to Amendment No. 3308), of a perfecting nature.

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By 85 yeas to 6 nays (Vote No. 349), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to close further debate on the motion to recommit the bill.

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Senate will continue consideration of the bill and the motion to recommit on Tuesday, October 4.

**Messages From the President:** Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting a report of the Council on Environmental Quality; which was referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. (PM-162)

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**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

1 Marine Corp nomination in the rank of general.  
Routine list of Army nominations.

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**Messages From the President:**

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**Messages From the House:**

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**Statements on Introduced Bills:**

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**Amendments Submitted:**

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Authority for Committees:**

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**Additional Statements:**

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**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—349)

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**Recess:** Senate convened at 10 a.m., and recessed at 6:10 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Tuesday, October 4, 1988. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of Senator Byrd in today's Record on page 14420.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

## REGULATORY REFORM

**Committee on Governmental Affairs:** Committee resumed hearings to assess present distribution of responsibility for implementing Federal regulations, focusing on the role of the Office of the President in regulatory management and oversight, receiving testimony from S. Jay Plager, Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Policy, Office of Management and Budget; Joan Claybrook and David C. Valdeck, both of Public Citizen Litigation Group, and Richard A. Wegman, Wegman and Hoff, both of Washington, DC; and W. Kip Viscusi, Duke University, Durham, North Carolina.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 7 public bills, H.R. 5442-5448; and 9 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 382-384, and H. Res. 562-567 were introduced.

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**Bills Reported:** Reports were filed as follows:

Report entitled "Continuing Violations of the Truth in Negotiations Act and Estimating System Deficiencies Result in Excess Contractor Profits" (H. Rept. 100-1026);

Report entitled "The Inspector General Act of 1978: A 10-Year Review" (H. Rept. 100-1027);

H.R. 5372, to amend the Trademark Act of 1946 to make certain revisions relating to the registration of trademarks (H. Rept. 100-1028);

Conference report on H.R. 4174, to amend the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act (H. Rept. 100-1029);

H.R. 5069, to establish a 12-mile territorial sea and a 24-mile contiguous zone, and to establish the National Oceans Policy Commission, amended (H. Rept. 100-1030);

H. Con. Res. 331, to acknowledge the contribution of the Iroquois Confederacy of Nations to the development of the United States Constitution and to reaffirm the continuing government-to-government relationship between Indian tribes and the



United States established in the Constitution, amended (H. Rept. 100-1031);

S. 1236, to reauthorize housing relocation under the Navajo-Hopi Relocation Program, amended (H. Rept. 100-1032);

H.R. 5203, to declare that certain lands be held in trust for the Quinault Indian Nation, amended (H. Rept. 100-1033);

H.R. 4480, to change the name of the Pacific Tropical Botanical Garden, a federally chartered organization, to the National Tropical Botanical Garden (H. Rept. 100-1034);

H. Res. 563, to authorize the Speaker to entertain motions to suspend the rules of the House on any day for the remainder of this Congress (H. Rept. 100-1035);

Conference report on H.R. 3471, to establish the Veterans' Administration as an executive department (H. Rept. 100-1036);

H.R. 3685, to amend title 31, United States Code, to increase from \$25,000 to \$40,000 the maximum amount that the United States may pay in settlement of a claim against the United States made by a member of the uniformed services or by an officer or employee of the Government (H. Rept. 100-1037);

H.R. 5115, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to revise the numerical limitation and preference system for admission of independent immigrants, amended (H. Rept. 100-1038);

H.J. Res. 644, granting the consent of Congress to the compact entered into between the State of North Carolina and the State of South Carolina establishing the Lake Wylie Marine Commission, amended (H. Rept. 100-1039);

S. 2350, to clarify the investigatory power of the United States Congress, amended (H. Rept. 100-1040);

H.R. 4939, to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to control lead in drinking water, amended (H. Rept. 100-1041);

H.R. 5407, to establish a National Commission on the Thrift Industry, amended (H. Rept. 100-1042);

Report entitled "SSA's Computer Modernization Efforts Undermined by Corruption and Inept Management" (H. Rept. 100-1043);

Report entitled "GSA Small Business and Small Minority Business Subcontracting" (H. Rept. 100-1044); and

Report entitled "Secrecy Breeds Suspicion: Farm Credit Administration's Selection of the Jackson Federal Land Bank Receiver" (H. Rept. 100-1045).

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**Consent Calendar—C. Clifton Young Building:** On the call of the Consent Calendar, the House passed and sent to the Senate, amended, S. 1827, to designate the Federal Building located at 330 Booth Street, in Reno, Nevada, as the "C. Clifton Young

Federal Building." Agreed to amend the title of the bill.

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**Impeachment Inquiry Deposition Authority:** By a ye-and-nay vote of 401 yeas, Roll No. 377, the House agreed to H. Res. 562, authorizing the use of depositions in connection with an impeachment inquiry of the Committee on the Judiciary.

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**Suspensions:** House voted to suspend the rules and take the following actions:

*Veterans' judicial review:* Passed H.R. 5288, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide an improved system of review of decisions of the Veterans' Administration with respect to claims for veterans' benefits (passed by a ye-and-nay vote of 400 yeas, Roll No. 378). Subsequently, this passage was vacated and S. 11, a similar Senate-passed bill, was passed in lieu after being amended to contain the language of the House bill as passed. Agreed to amend the title of the Senate bill;

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*Education and training amendment:* Passed H.R. 5408, amended, to make a correction in the Education and Training for a Competitive America Act of 1988 (passed by a ye-and-nay vote of 393 yeas to 9 nays, Roll No. 379);

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*Job training amendment:* Agreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 4857, to amend the Job Training Partnership Act to make a technical change (agreed to by a ye-and-nay vote of 399 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 380)—clearing the measure for the President;

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*Prompt Payment Act amendments:* Agreed to the Senate amendment to H. Con. Res. 351, to correct errors in the enrollment of S. 328, to amend chapter 39 of title 31, United States Code, to require the Federal Government to pay interest on overdue payments (agreed to by a ye-and-nay vote of 399 yeas, Roll No. 381)—clearing the measure;

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*Computer matching and privacy protection:* Agreed to the Senate amendment to the House amendment to S. 496, to amend title 5 of the United States Code, to ensure privacy, integrity, and verification of data disclosed for computer matching, and to establish Data Integrity Boards within Federal agencies (agreed to by a ye-and-nay vote of 393 yeas to 8 nays, Roll No. 382)—clearing the measure for the President;

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*GAO Building control transfer:* Passed H.R. 5052, amended, to amend title 31 of the United States Code to provide for a transfer of control of the General Accounting Office Building and to improve the administration of the General Accounting Office

(passed by a yea-and-nay vote of 400 yeas, Roll No. 383);

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*Air Force land conveyance:* Passed H.R. 5291, amended, to provide the Secretary of the Air Force with authority to convey certain land (passed by a yea-and-nay vote of 398 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 384);

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*Women's small business ownership:* Passed H.R. 5050, amended, to amend the Small Business Act to establish programs and initiate efforts to assist the development of small business concerns owned and controlled by women (passed by a yea-and-nay vote of 389 yeas to 7 nays, Roll No. 385);

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*SBA loan prepayment:* Passed S. 437, amended, to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to permit prepayment of loans made to State and local development companies (passed by a yea-and-nay vote of 372 yeas to 28 nays, Roll No. 386). Agreed to amend the title. H.R. 3718, a similar House bill, was laid on the table; and

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*Detention of excludable aliens:* Passed H.R. 5200, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to limit the period of detention of excludable aliens pending removal in a manner similar to that provided in the case of deportable aliens pending deportation.

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*Suspensions—votes postponed:* House completed all motions to suspend the rules and take the following actions, on which votes were postponed until Tuesday, October 4:

*Public safety officer death benefits:* Pass H.R. 4758, amended, to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to increase the level of benefits payable with respect to the death of public safety officers and to provide that nondependent parents may be beneficiaries;

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*Racially Motivated Violence Commission:* Pass H.R. 3914, amended, to establish a commission to investigate racially motivated violence;

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*Mariel Cuban detention review:* Pass H.R. 5164, to provide for a hearing before an administrative law judge respecting the release of certain Mariel Cuban detainees;

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*Municipal bankruptcy amendments:* Pass H.R. 5347, amended, to amend title 11 of the United States Code with respect to claims payable from special revenues by municipalities that are debtors;

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*Intellectual property licenses in bankruptcy:* Pass H.R. 5348, to amend title 11 of the United States Code

with respect to the rejection of executory contracts licensing rights to intellectual property;

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*Congress Bicentennial coins:* Pass H.R. 5280, amended, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the Bicentennial of the United States Congress;

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*Use of Rotunda in honoring John F. Kennedy:* Agree to S. Con. Res. 137, to provide the use of the Rotunda of the Capitol in honor of John F. Kennedy;

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*House fair employment practices:* Agree to H. Res. 558, providing for fair employment practices in the House of Representatives;

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*Whistleblower protection:* Pass S. 508, amended, to amend title 5, United States Code, to strengthen the protections available to Federal employees against prohibited personnel practices;

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*Agricultural quarantine enforcement:* Pass H.R. 5199, amended, to make nonmailable any plant, fruit, vegetable, or other matter, the movement of which in interstate commerce has been prohibited or restricted by the Secretary of Agriculture in order to prevent the dissemination of dangerous plant diseases or pests;

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*Congressional Participation in Constitution Bicentennial:* Agree to H. Con. Res. 115, providing for participation by delegations of Members of both Houses of Congress in ceremonies to be held in April 1989 in New York City marking the 200th anniversaries of the implementation of the Constitution as the form of government of the United States, and the inauguration of President George Washington;

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*Office of Government Ethics reauthorization:* Pass H.R. 4712, amended, to reauthorize the Office of Government Ethics;

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*Ocean dumping fees:* Pass H.R. 5430, to amend the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act of 1972 to establish special fees for the ocean dumping of sewage sludge and industrial waste;

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*NOAA marine programs reauthorization:* Pass H.R. 4210, amended, to reauthorize title II of the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act of 1972, for fiscal years 1989 and 1990;

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*Ocean pollution planning reauthorization:* Pass H.R. 4211, amended, to reauthorize the National Ocean Pollution Planning Act of 1978 for fiscal years 1989 and 1990;

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*U.S.-U.S.S.R. fishery agreement:* Disagree to the Senate amendment to H.R. 4919, to approve the governing international fishery agreement between the United States and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics;

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*Congressional Award program extension:* Pass H.R. 5315, amended, to amend the Congressional Award Act to extend the Congressional Award program;

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*Egg research and consumer information amendments:* Pass H.R. 5318, amended, to amend the Egg Research and Consumer Information Act to limit the total costs that may be incurred by the Egg Board in collecting producer assessments and having an administrative staff, to eliminate egg producer refunds, and to delay the conducting of any referendum by egg producers on the elimination of such refunds;

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*Mississippi reversionary land release:* Pass H.R. 4724, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to release a reversionary interest of the United States in certain land located in Oktibbeha County, Mississippi;

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*Grain standards amendments:* Agree to H. Res. 564, providing for concurring in the Senate amendment to H.R. 4345, to amend the United States Grain Standards Act to extend through September 30, 1993, the authority contained in section 155 of the Omnibus Reconciliation Act of 1981 and Public Law 98-469 to charge and collect inspection and weighing fees, with an amendment;

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*Admiralty Island Monument:* Agree to the Senate amendment to H.R. 2596, to improve the Federal management of lands on Admiralty Island, Alaska;

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*Hoopa Valley Tribe/Yurok Indians settlement:* Pass S. 2723, to partition certain reservation lands between the Hoopa Valley Tribe and the Yurok Indians, and to clarify the use of the tribal timber proceeds;

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*Nuclear waste policy amendments:* Pass S. 2800, to amend the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982 with respect to the Office of the Nuclear Waste Negotiator and the Monitored Retrievable Storage Commission;

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*Navajo-Hopi relocation:* Pass S. 1236, amended, to reauthorize housing relocation under the Navajo-Hopi Relocation Program;

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*Iroquois Confederacy of Nations:* Agree to H. Con. Res. 331, amended, to acknowledge the contribution of the Iroquois Confederacy of Nations to the development of the United States Constitution and to reaffirm the continuing Government-to-Government

relationship between Indians tribes and the United States established in the Constitution;

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*Quinault Indian lands:* Pass H.R. 5203, amended, to declare that certain lands be held in trust for the Quinault Indian Nation;

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*Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian water rights:* Agree to the Senate amendment to H.R. 4102, to provide for the settlement of the water rights claims of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community in Maricopa County, Arizona;

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*Indian health care amendments:* Agree to H. Res. 565, providing for disagreeing to the Senate amendment and agreeing to a conference on H.R. 5621, to reauthorize and amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act;

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*West Virginia river conservation:* Agree to H. Res. 566, providing for agreeing, with an amendment, to the Senate amendment to H.R. 900, to protect and enhance the natural, scenic, cultural, and recreational values of certain segments of the New, Gauley, Meadow, and Bluestone Rivers in West Virginia for the benefit of present and future generations;

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*Targhee Forest lands:* Agree to the Senate amendment to H.R. 4028, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to exchange certain national forest system lands in the Targhee National Forest;

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*Winding Stair Mountain Recreation and Wilderness Area:* Agree to the Senate amendment to H.R. 4354, to designate certain National Forest System lands in the State of Oklahoma for inclusion in the National Wilderness Preservation System, and create the Winding Stair Mountain National Recreation and Wilderness Area;

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*Coastal Heritage Trail:* Agree to the Senate amendments to the House amendments to S. 2057, to provide for the establishment of the Coastal Heritage Trail in the State of New Jersey;

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*Northern Mariana Islands Covenant:* Pass S. 1047, amended, to amend Public Law 94-241, the Joint Resolution approving the Covenant to Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union with the United States of America;

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*WEB water project:* Agree to the Senate amendment to H.R. 4267, to authorize additional appropriations for the WEB Rural Water Development Project, South Dakota, authorize the use of Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin electric power by the Lower Brule Sioux Indian Tribe, and to rename certain facilities of the Central Valley Project, California;

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*South Dakota rural water projects:* Agree to H. Res. 567, providing for agreeing, with an amendment, to Senate amendment No. 9; and disagreeing to Senate amendments Nos. 1-8 to H.R. 2772, to authorize the Lyman-Jones, West River, and Oglala Sioux Rural Water Development Projects; and

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*San Luis Rey Indian water rights:* Pass S. 795, amended, to provide for the settlement of water rights claims of the La Jolla, Rincon, San Pasqual, Pauma, and Pala Bands of Mission Indians in San Diego County, California.

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**Colorado Ute Indian Water Rights Settlement:** By a yeat-and-nay vote of 249 yeas to 146 nays, Roll No. 376, the House passed H.R. 2642, to facilitate and implement the settlement of Colorado Ute Indian reserved water rights claims in southwest Colorado.

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Agreed to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, as modified.

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Agreed to the Campbell amendment that clarifies the water rights of the tribes based on negotiations among the tribes involved, the State of Colorado, and State in the Lower River Basin.

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H. Res. 550, the rule under which the bill was considered, was agreed to earlier by a voice vote.

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**Credit Card Disclosure:** House disagreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 515, to provide for more detailed and uniform disclosure by credit and charge card issuers with respect to information relating to interests rates and other fees which may be incurred by consumers through the use of any credit or charge card; and asked a conference. Appointed as conferees: Representatives St Germain, Annunzio, Gonzalez, Pelosi, Barnard, Schumer, Wylie, Shumway, Hiler, and Ridge.

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**Military Base Closings:** House passed S. 2749, National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 1989.

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Agreed to the Aspin motion to strike all after the enacting clause and insert the text of H.R. 4481 as passed by the House on July 12, 1988 (Defense Savings Act of 1989).

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Agreed to amend the title.

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House then insisted on its amendments to S. 2749, and asked a conference. Appointed as conferees:

From the Committee on Armed Services, for consideration of the Senate bill, and the House amendments, and modifications committed to conference:

Representatives Aspin, Dellums, Montgomery, Hutto, Skelton, Leath of Texas, McCurdy, Foglietta, Hertel, Ortiz, Robinson, Dickinson, Martin of New York, Martin of Illinois, Blaz, Ravenel, and Weldon;

From the Committee on Government Operations, for consideration of section 921 of the Senate bill, and the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representative Brooks, Conyers, Collins, Horton, and Walker;

From the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries, for consideration of section 921 of the Senate bill, and the House amendments, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Jones of North Carolina, Studds, Hutto, Davis of Michigan, and Young of Alaska;

From the Committee on Rules, for consideration of section 921 of the Senate bill, and the House amendments, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Pepper, Moakley, Derrick, Beilenson, Frost, Quillen, and Taylor; and

As additional conference, for consideration of section 921 of the Senate bill, and the House amendments, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Foley and Arney.

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**HMO Assistance:** House disagreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 3235, to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise the program of assistance for health maintenance organizations; and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees: Representatives Dingell, Waxman, Wyden, Lent, and Madigan.

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**Committee Resignations—Appointment:** Read and accepted a letter from Representative Gray of Illinois wherein he resigns as a member of the Committee on Public Works and Transportation and the Committee on Veterans' Affairs; and

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Read and accepted a letter from Representative Mica wherein he resigns as a member of the Select Committee on Aging.

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Subsequently, the Speaker appointed Representative Costello as a member of the Select Committee on Aging to fill the existing vacancy thereon.

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**Presidential Message—Environmental Quality:** Received and read a message from the President wherein he transmits the report of the Council on Environmental Quality—referred to the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries.

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**Referrals:** Three Senate-passed measures were referred to the appropriate House committees.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Eleven yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages 27887, 27900, 27901, 27906, 27907, 27908, 27909, 27910, 27911, 27912. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** Met at noon and adjourned at 10:08 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL ACT

**Committee on Government Operations:** Subcommittee on Environment, Energy and Natural Resources held a hearing on What Ever Happened to the Toxic Substances Control Act? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the EPA: Charles L. Elkins, Director, Office of Toxic Substances; and Roger Kanerva, Manager, Environmental Programs, State of Illinois; and public witnesses.

### NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

**Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs:** Subcommittee on Insular and International Affairs approved for full Committee action, as amended, S. 1047, to

modify section 301 of the Covenant to Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union with the United States of America.

### SUSPENSION AUTHORITY

**Committee on Rules:** Granted a rule making it in order at any time during the remainder of the second session of the One Hundredth Congress, for the Speaker to entertain motions to suspend the rules, subject to the requirement of an announcement on the floor of the House by the Speaker or his designee at least one hour before the consideration of any such motion.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

**Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:** Ordered reported, the following bills: S. 1081, amended, Nutrition Monitoring and Related Research Act of 1988; S. 2470, amended, Steel and Aluminum Energy Conservation and Technology Competitiveness Act of 1988; and H.R. 1510, to amend title 35, United States Code, and the National Aeronautics and Space Act of 1958, with respect to the use of inventions in outer space.